Amendments to the Claims

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Original) A secure intermediation method performed by an intermediary positioned along a communication path between a client node and a server node, comprising:

receiving a session request from the client node, wherein the session request is a request to initiate secure communications between the client node and the server node;

in response to receiving the session request, establishing a secure session between the intermediary and the server; and

after establishing the secure session, receiving data from the client node, and sending the received data to the server over the secure session.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the secure session is a secure socket layer session.

19. (Original) In a secure intermediation system, a method performed at a client node comprising:

sending a session request addressed to a server node, wherein the session request comprises a request to initiate a secure socket layer session between the client node and the server node;

receiving a certificate in response to the session request;

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determining that the certificate corresponds to an intermediary positioned along a communications path between the client node and the server node; and

establishing a secure session between the client node and the intermediary.

20. (Original) An intermediation system comprising:

session request logic operative to detect a session request sent from the client node, wherein the session request comprises a request to initiate a secure session between the client node and the server node;

session initiation logic operative to establish a first secure session with the server node, the session initiation logic being responsive to the detection of the session request by the session request logic; and

linking logic operative to enable communication between the client node and the server node.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the session initiation logic is further operative to establish a second secure session with the client node, and wherein the linking logic is operative to link the first secure session with the second secure session.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the first secure session is a secure socket layer session.

23. (Original) A secure intermediation system, comprising:

a network interface;

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a processor; and

data storage, wherein the data storage stores instructions executable by the processor (i) to receive a session request from the client node, wherein the session request comprises a request to initiate secure communications between the client node and the server node; (ii) to establish a secure session between the intermediary and the server in response to receiving the session request; (iii) to receive data from the client node after establishing the secure session; and (iv) to send the received data to the server over the secure session.

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